THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) National Highways are inspected regularly for their maintenance.

(b) and (c) It is a fact that there are economic losses due to inadequate capacity and quality of the National Highways. However, it is difficult to quantify accurately such losses.

(d) National Highways Development Project (NHDP) implemented by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) which includes 4/6-laning of existing National Highways and other 4-laning projects through the agencies of the State PWDs have been taken up for improvement/ development of the National Highways.

Improvement of roads in North-Eastern Region

3591. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the proposal for undertaking/improvement/constructions of various roads in the N.E. Regions, particularly in the State of Assam;

(b) if so, the details in all the States of N.E. Region, road-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the details of total allocations during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Apart from giving sanctions for improvement/construction of National Highways under various annual plans and State roads under Central Roads Fund, Economic Importance and Inter-State Connectivity from time to time, the Government has approved a Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for improvement and upgradation of various roads in North-Eastern Region (SARDP-NE) covering 1310 km of road length at an estimated cost of Rs. 4168 crore under Phase 'A'. The road-wise and State-wise details are annexed as per statement (See below). An allocation of Rs. 550 crore has been made for this specific programme during 2006-07.

Statement

The Roads covered under Phase 'A' of SARDP-NE

SI. No.	State	Items	Category of road	Road Length (in Kms.)	Anticipated Financial Implications (Rs. in crore)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Assam	Improvement of existing 2-lane NH-37 from Nagaon-Diorugarh to 4-lane.	NH	315	1890
2	Meghalaya	Construction of new Shillong By-pass connecting NH-40 & NH-44 (4-lane)	NH	50	300
3	Meghalaya	Four laning ofexisting 2-lane road stretch from Jorabat to Barapani on NH-40.	NH	62	372
4	Nagaland	Four laning of Dimapur to Kohima Road including Dimapur/Kohima Bypass on NH-39.	NH	81	486
5.	Sikkim	Conversion ofexisting 2-lane NH-31A road stretch from Sevoke to Gangtok to 4-lane.	NH	95	570
6	Assam	Improvement ofexisting single lane road stretches on NH-36, 51, 52, 53, 54, 61, 152. 153& 154 to double lane with paved shoulders.	NH	507	729
7	Manipur	Two laning of State road from Maram to Paren to provide connectivity of Manipur State with Nagaland State.	State road	108	136
8	Arunachal Pradesh	Improvement of road from Lumla to Tashtgong via Dudunghar (Indo-Bhutan road)	State road	36	38
9	Sikkim	Double laning of existing single lane Border Road from Gangtok to Nathula	GS road	56	97
		TOTAL:		1310	4618